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Enclosed are U.S. Patent No. 6,446,006, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language French Patent No. FR 2,797,329, U.S. Patent No. 5,465,323, which is the English language equivalent to cited foreign language French Patent No. FR 2,652,180, and NY02:467212.1

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U.S. Patent No. 5,844,564, which are the English language equivalent to cited foreign language European Patent No. EP 0 801 364.

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Respectfully submitted,

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